

Cluster 1 Wards 1 & 2

Kalorama Heights, Adams Morgan, Lanier Heights

March 18, 2002

Citizen Budget Worksheet

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Highlights of Key Commitments In Mayor's Budget

Address the Housing Needs of Residents of All Income Levels

- The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) will work with the Building Code Advisory Committee to evaluate and adopt more flexible "Smart Codes" to enhance the ability to rehabilitate existing buildings.
- The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will make funds available to qualified non-profit and for-profit developers to help finance affordable housing projects.
- The City allocated \$900,000 to the District's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to provide a "safety net" for assisting tenants in emergency code enforcement situations.
- The Housing Act of 2002 will dedicate funds to the Housing Production Trust Fund to be used to preserve affordable housing.

Improve Enforcement of Regulations and Codes that Impact the Quality of Life for Areas Near the 18th Street and Columbia Road Corridors

- DCRA's 39 Neighborhood Stabilization Officers (NSOs) will be responsible for inspections at the neighborhood level. One NSO will be dedicated to this cluster.
- DCRA will conduct residential area and commercial corridor surveys to establish a baseline for prioritizing enforcement activities.
- DCRA will conduct a series of workshops to educate residents and business owners regarding codes, rules, and regulations that are in place to maintain and preserve District neighborhoods.

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Highlights of Key Commitments, cont. for Cluster 1

Improve Law Enforcement Activities Along the 18th Street and Columbia Road Corridors

- Both locations are already a priority with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD-Third District), but efforts to deal with traffic, vandalism, burglary, robbery, and other crimes will intensify in the coming months.
- MPD-Third District will be increasing enforcement efforts through the use of bicycle and foot officers and will be supplementing critical shifts with reserve officers.
- The Fire Emergency and Medical Services Department (FEMS) will hire one additional fire inspector for both Ward 1 and Ward 2.

Improve How District Government Communicates with Residents and Facilitates Community Participation

- The District will expand website services, provide more support for community communications through cable TV, radio and print, and will begin a public information kiosk program.
- The District will produce a "Citizens Handbook", which will be a language appropriate neighborhood resource book listing Community Development Corporations, civic associations, government services and other important information relevant to community residents.
- The Office of Early Childhood Development will work to organize volunteer groups to provide childcare at public forums.
- The District will offer training to ANC commissioners and other community leaders to provide better understanding of the public process.

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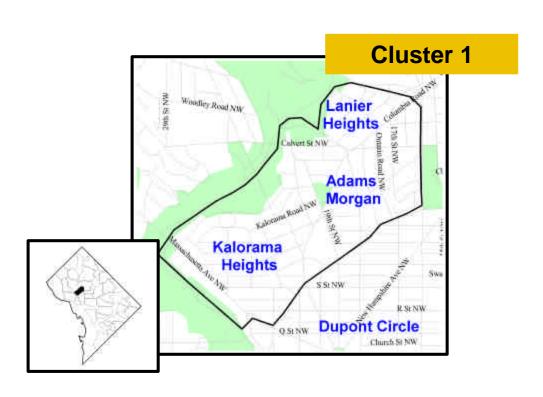














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Cluster 2 Columbia Heights, Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Plains, **Park View**

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- The City allocated \$900,000 to the District's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to provide a "safety net" for assisting tenants in emergency code enforcement situations.
- The Housing Act of 2002 will dedicate funds to the Housing Production Trust Fund to be used to preserve affordable housing.
- The Mayor's new initiative, entitled *Home Again: Renovating Our City's Abandoned* Properties, will promote the development of the District's vacant and abandoned properties by gaining site control of the properties and selling them to developers who will renovate them into new homes. The initiative will begin gaining site control in five neighborhoods, including Columbia Heights, and then will expand throughout the city. The initiative's goal is to provide at least 30 percent of the homes to low-income families.

Encourage Neighborhood-Oriented Economic Development Especially Along Commercial Corridors

 DCRA will conduct a series of workshops to educate residents and business owners regarding codes, rules, and regulations that are in place to maintain and preserve District neighborhoods.



















Highlights of Key Commitments, cont. for Cluster 2

Encourage Neighborhood-Oriented Economic Development Especially Along Commercial Corridors (Cont'd)

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■ The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) has budgeted \$7 million in local funds for the *Restore DC* neighborhood commercial revitalization program. A multi-year package of grants and technical assistance will be awarded on a competitive basis to approximately 5 neighborhood business districts per year. Other business districts can apply on a competitive basis for matching grants for short term, specific projects such as a market study. Funding will also be provided to support neighborhood resource centers.



■ The Office of Local Business Development (OLBD) will partner with local organizations to implement a small business incubator to promote local entrepreneurship in Columbia Heights. OLBD will work with the incubator to serve as a distribution point for Local, Small Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (LSDBE) application, certification and other related information.



Improve Recreation, Maintain Open Space and Improve Local Parks/Beautify and Keep Neighborhoods Clean

■ The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will inspect and establish a mechanism for streetscape improvements in Mount Pleasant, Columbia Heights and other neighborhoods.



■ The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is committing \$400,000 to prepare an inventory and conduct a condition assessment of all its properties.



■ DPR will repair park benches in Lamont Park. All District park benches are scheduled for repair or replacement in FY 2003.



■ The Department of Public Works (DPW) will place 180 litter cans in selected areas across the city, in areas that meet certain criteria. Given the high demand for litter cans, additional funds have been allocated in FY 2003 to install more than 600 litter cans. DPW will give strong consideration to locations identified through the Neighborhood Planning process.



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■ The District will offer training to ANC commissioners and other community leaders to provide better understanding of the public process.

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Cluster 3 Ward 1

Cardozo/Shaw, Le Droit Park, Howard University

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- The City allocated \$900,000 to the District's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to provide a "safety net" for assisting tenants in emergency code enforcement situations.
- The Housing Act of 2002 creates a funding mechanism for dedicating local funds to the Housing Production Trust Fund for the creation and preservation of affordable housing.
- The Mayor's new initiative, entitled *Home Again: Renovating Our City's Abandoned Properties*, will promote the development of the District's vacant and abandoned properties by gaining site control of the properties and selling them to developers who will renovate them into new homes. The initiative will begin gaining site control in five neighborhoods, including Shaw/LeDroit Park, and then will expand throughout the city. The initiative's goal is to provide at least 30 percent of the homes to low-income families.

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Highlights of Key Commitments, cont. for Cluster 3

Encourage Neighborhood-Oriented Economic Development Especially Along Traditional Commercial Corridors

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Provide Improved Educational Opportunities for Adults and Youths and Upgrade Technology in the Schools

- District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) is working to improve its maintenance programs at Garnett-Patterson and Bruce-Monroe schools. The Cleveland School will be thoroughly modernized.
- DCPS provided Garnett-Patterson, Gage-Eckington, and Cleveland Schools with new computer systems in 2001. Bruce-Monroe is scheduled to receive new systems in FY 2003 based on funding availability.
- As part of its new strategic plan, DCPS will implement measures to increase the level of parent involvement in the education process. DCPS will also take steps to improve interagency collaboration in support of the educational process.

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